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Letter dated 8 June 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I send this letter to you with regard to the recent development of a grave situation with regard to the Korean peninsula.

On 20 May 2010, the United States and the south Korean authorities released the "investigation result" that forcibly linked the sinking of the south Korean warship *Cheonan* with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea straight away totally rejected the "investigation result" and clarified its position that it had nothing to do with the incident, proposing to dispatch to the site of the incident its own inspection group of the National Defence Commission to conduct an objective evaluation of the "investigation result".

It would be very useful to remind ourselves of the ever-increasing international doubts and criticisms, going beyond the internal boundary of south Korea, over the "investigation result" from the very moment of its release.

As days go by, the objective and scientific military analysis and the environment surrounding the incident reveal that the incident is a fabricated scenario, purely for the political and military purposes of the United States.

The key to resolving the case lies in that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which is the victim, takes an opportunity to verify and evaluate the "investigation result" on a scientific ad objective basis.

It is imperative for the Security Council not to step into the same situation in which it was once misused as a tool of high-handedness and hegemony of the United States by giving legitimacy to its armed invasion into Iraq, based on a single word of lies of Powell, United States Secretary of State, in February 2003.

The Security Council is duty bound to adhere strictly to the principles of respect for the sovereignty and impartiality of United Nations Member States, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

The Security Council is an organization with the securing of global peace and security as a lifeline in its mission. If the Security Council, as an organization with such a mission, has a genuine wish for peace and security on the Korean peninsula, where a touch-and-go situation is being created due to the *Cheonan* incident, it should take measures that can lead the United States and south Korea to receive the

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inspection group of the National Defence Commission as already proposed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the victim, to help verify the "investigation result".

By doing so, the Security Council should give utmost priority to bringing to light the very truth of the incident, on an impartial and objective basis.

In case the unilaterally forged "investigation result" is put on the agenda of the Security Council and opened to debate without the verification of the directly victimized party, it will be more than clear that the sovereignty and security of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is infringed upon, and by then no one would dare imagine how serious the consequences would be with regard to peace and security on the Korean peninsula.

On this occasion I would like to enclose herewith a copy of the answer by the spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea dated 4 June 2010 and request you kindly to circulate the present letter and the attached answer by the spokesman of the Foreign Ministry as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Sin** Son Ho
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Annex to the letter dated 8 June 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Answer by the Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the question put by the Korean Central News Agency on 4 June regarding the United States and its followers' attempt to refer the case of the sinking of the warship *Cheonan* to the Security Council, linking it with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

As already clarified by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the "results of the investigation" into the case announced by the United States and the south Korean authorities are a sheer fabrication. If they are true, there will be no reason for them to refuse to receive the inspection group of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as already proposed by it to have their "results" confirmed objectively.

The key to the solution of this case is for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as the victim, to inspect and verify the "results of the investigation" of the United States and the south Korean authorities.

To begin with, the "investigation group" cooked up by the south Korean authorities under the manipulation of the United States is a vague entity which does not conform at all to international standards. The military authorities have the final say and some foreigners are said to have been involved in the group, but it was not made public in the least by what procedures and processes they were chosen as its members and whether all of them signed the "results of the investigation" or not. This was the reason why the south Korean authorities were compelled to put up the deformed name "joint civilian-military investigation group", something unprecedented in the world, instead of formally naming it an international investigation team. They are now trying to cool down the international criticism that the "results of the investigation" are doubtful, by inviting experts of individual countries which are not the victims of the case.

The Security Council should not follow the precedent in which its forum was stained by the United States with its lies about Iraq. It is important for the States members of the Security Council to pay primary attention to objectively probing the truth of the case and pass a right judgement of their own if they do not wish to see the Council abused again as a tool for high-handed and arbitrary practices of the United States. In case this issue is referred to the Council, it should take measures, before anything else, to ensure that the United States and south Korea receive the inspection group of the National Defence Commission as already proposed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and have the "results of the investigation" confirmed by it.

It will become irrefutably evident that the United States and its followers are seeking an ulterior purpose if they refer the case to the Security Council only with their unilateral "results of the investigation" while avoiding objective confirmation about its truth.

Then, the United States and the Security Council will find nothing to say even if the Democratic People's Republic of Korea responds with toughest measures as it did in the past, and they will never escape from their responsibility for having blocked denuclearization and triggering a conflict on the Korean peninsula.